

مجلس المدى الإسلامى
Islamic Council of Europe

8th Feb.1980.

Mr. Muhammad Nabi Muhammadi,
Amir, Harkat Inqilab Al-Islami,

Dear brother Muhammadi,

Assalamu Alikum Wa-Rahmatullah Wa-Barakatuhu.

I was delighted to see you in Pakistan and work with you for the achievement of the common goal of restoring Afghanistan to the fold of Islam. I hope Inshaallah your efforts in this connection shall bear fruit.

On my return here last Sunday I noticed that the World press gave very wide coverage to the formation of the Islamic Alliance for the Liberation of Afghanistan. Many leading newspapers the world over published photographs of the members of the Alliance. This has raised the prestige of the Afghan Mujahideens. I pray to Allah to enable you to preserve your unity as the success of your Jihad largely depends on it. Ameen. I hope you will work in the true spirit of Islam and coordinate your activities with your colleagues for the glory of Islam.

I will be very happy if you will keep me informed of your progress.

With kindest regards,

Same letter to:

Sibghatullah Mujaddi
Gulbadi Hikatyar
Burhanuddin Rabbani
Syed Ahmed Gilani

Sincerely Yours,

Salem Azzam

Salem Azzam,
Secretary General

المجلس الإسلامي الأوربي
Islamic Council of Europe

H.E. Mr. Habib Chatti,
Secretary-General,
Organisation of Islamic Conference,
Islamabad.

Excellency,

In view of the Russian intervention in Afghanistan and the threat it poses to Pakistan, Iran and other Muslim countries of the region I have the honour to submit the following suggestions for the consideration of the Islamic Foreign Ministers' Conference. I shall be grateful if you will kindly place these before the Conference.

- 1) The credentials of the puppet regime of Barbak Karmal should not be recognised by the Organisation of Islamic conference. Instead the representatives of the Afghan Mujaheeden be given due recognition and allowed to present their case to the Foreign Ministers.
- 2) The Afghan liberation fighters be given maximum military, and economic assistance to continue their Jihad.
- 3) A special "Jihad Fund" be set up to enable the people of Afghanistan to continue struggle for the liberation of their country and all Muslim countries should liberally contribute to it.
- 4) The Afghan refugees in Pakistan are in urgent need of further assistance. Their needs must be met without any delay.
- 5) Russian presence in Afghanistan has made it absolutely imperative to strengthen Pakistan's defence capability. This is not only essential for Pakistan's security but for the security of the entire Muslim Ummah and other freedom loving countries of the world. A strong Pakistan will be the first line of defence in the region.

All Muslim countries should, therefore, assist Pakistan in bolstering its economic and defence potentials.

- 6) All Muslim countries should boycott the Olympic Games in Moscow unless the Russian troops withdraw from Afghanistan.

Assuring your excellency of my highest esteem.

Yours sincerely

Salem Azzam
Secretary-General



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

10 January 1980

Dear Mr Azzam,

I have been asked to reply to your letter of 7 January to the Prime Minister about the British Government's firm stand against Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

We do indeed believe that it is essential at this time to make our position unequivocally clear following the ruthless invasion of its neighbour by the Soviet Union. As you will know, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary is at present visiting a number of countries in the region, four of which are Islamic ones, in order to have first-hand talks with their leaders, express our concern at what has happened, and discuss what measures are now appropriate.

In the Prime Minister's letter to Mr. Brezhnev in the New Year she told him that she was profoundly disturbed at what had happened, and said that she was puzzled by the assertion that the Soviet action was at the invitation of the Afghan Government. Moreover there was no evidence to substantiate Soviet charges of outside interference in Afghanistan. The only country which had involved itself in recent years in Afghan internal affairs was the Soviet Union. The deep concern of the British Government has been expressed in a number of other public statements.

Yours sincerely

Michael Alexander

Mr. Salem Azzam

المجلس الإسلامي في أوروبا
Islamic Council of Europe

7th January 1980.

The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher,
The Prime Minister,
10 Downing Street,
LONDON S.W.1.

Dear Prime Minister,

I take this opportunity to congratulate you on the firm and bold stand taken by the British Government under your leadership against the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. The Islamic Council greatly appreciates this stand and is confident that it will help in promoting goodwill and co-operation between the United Kingdom and the Muslim World.

The Council further hopes that the strong opposition of the British Government to Soviet armed aggression in Afghanistan will find expression in equally strong practical steps in support of the Afghan people who are engaged in a life and death struggle against Soviet imperialism.

Please accept, Prime Minister, my highest regards and respect,

Salem Azzam

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Secretary - General.

PERSONAL CABLE SENT 28th DECEMBER 1979.

To : H.E. HABIB CHATTI, ISLAMIC SECRETARIAT, JEDDAH, SAUDI ARABIA.

"I APPEAL TO YOUR EXCELLENCY ON BEHALF OF THE ISLAMIC COUNCIL OF EUROPE TO CALL FOR IMMEDIATE MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS OF MOSLEM STATES TO DISCUSS MILITARY AGRESSION OF SOVIET UNION UPON MOSLEM PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN AND TO FIND MEANS AND SOLUTIONS TO STOP THIS AGGRESSION AND TO SHOW UNITY OF THE MOSLEM WORLD TOWARDS PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND CROWN YOUR STEPS WITH SUCCESS.

SALEM AZZEM".